the spring and summer of 1918 the Leviathan, the former Vaterland, has averaged less than 27 days, as has the Mount Vernon, the former Kronprinzessen Cecelie. These turnarounds, made under the embarrassment of convoy, are much quicker than anything attained in commercial operation. During the summer the Leviathan has transported troops at the

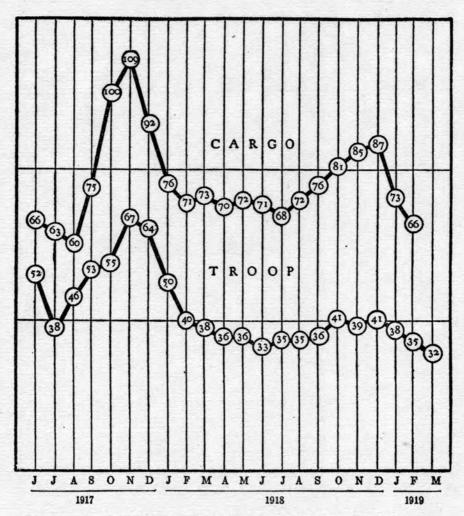


Diagram 18.—Average turnarounds of troop and cargo transports in days.

rate of over 400 a day, and so has landed the equivalent of a German division in France each month. Two American ships, the *Great Northern* and *Northern Pacific*, have averaged 25 and 26 days, respectively, and have each made turnarounds in 19 days.